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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Legal News: State court reform plan outlined in MSC's annual report

"'Performance, technology, and efficiency' are the elements of Michigan's court reform plan, according to the Michigan Supreme Court's 2012 annual report, released Wednesday. Eliminating unneeded judgeships was just the beginning for Michigan court reform, Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., said in a preface to the report."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

State court reform plan outlined in Michigan Supreme Court's 2012 Annual Report

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge sets contempt hearing for governor, treasurer and Detroit EM

"[Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette] has ordered Gov. Rick Snyder, Treasurer Andy Dillon and Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr to show why they should not be found in contempt of court for failing to turn over e-mails and other records related to Orr's hiring in March.... Collette issued the order just one day after the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned another order Collette issued in the same lawsuit."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal.

Also see:

The Detroit News: Hearing in Detroit EM case to decide if state in contempt

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Panel rebukes Kwame Kilpatrick over grievance against attorney

"Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was plotting an appeal — even before his jury was picked — and the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission was onto him. That's according to a confidential letter obtained by the Free Press, in which the commission chided Kilpatrick over a formal grievance he filed against his longtime attorney, James Thomas, in the weeks before his public corruption trial started."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Worthy warns criminals may go free after Wayne Co. commissioners reject budget deal

"Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy said she fears child abusers and rapists will roam free because county commissioners rejected a lawsuit settlement Wednesday to increase her budget by \$7.4 million."

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Court of Appeals: Midland County woman to pay \$126,561 to Bay City woman who lost eye in assault

"A Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a judge's order to have a Midland County woman pay a six-figure sum to another woman who lost her eye in a Bay City assault. The Court of Appeals on Tuesday, May 14, ruled that Rebekah M. Lloyd does indeed owe Michelle LeBlanc \$126,561.63."

[Full story](#)

C & G News/Warren: Macomb to study district court finances a second time

"Township officials are moving forward with plans to update a financial study of the 41-A District Court that was first conducted three years ago.... The purpose of the study is to acquire the court's latest financial records in order to help determine the feasibility of constructing a new courthouse near Macomb Township's offices at 25 Mile and Broughton roads."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Mining Gazette/Houghton: County board OK's courthouse repairs

"The Houghton County Board of Commissioners approved nearly \$125,000 in courthouse maintenance costs Tuesday, while also hearing ideas from a consultant about ways to upgrade courthouse security.... The board also heard from Dennis MacDonnell, a trial court security specialist for the state, who presented security recommendations."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Mining Gazette/Houghton: Study to start new jail process again

"The Houghton County Board of Commissioners approved a bid for a feasibility study regarding constructing a new jail behind the courthouse... The study will assume a three-story building with 60 to 70 beds. The sheriff's office would operate out of the building, as might some court functions."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Crew ready to restore courthouse flag

"Contractors are planning to put a flag back on top of the old Lenawee County Courthouse dome on Wednesday, May 15. The date was set last week by R&R Contracting and Floyd's Rigging who are working together to restore the courthouse flag brought down by the remnants of Hurricane Sandy in late October."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Restoring hope: Foundation receives grant for drug court

"Last month, the local legal community was in a record-breaking mood, helping the Oakland County Bar Foundation raise more than \$265,000 at its annual Signature Event. This week, The RESTORE Foundation, which provides funding support for the drug court programs in Oakland County, became one of the first beneficiaries of the legal community's generosity, receiving a \$20,000 grant from the OCBF."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Drug Court celebrates National Drug Court Month along with 9th annual commencement (second article)

"In celebration of National Drug Court Month, the Third Judicial Circuit - Adult Drug Treatment Court will hold a commencement at 1 p.m. on May 23 at the Salvation Army, Adult Rehabilitation Center at 1627 W. Fort St."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Former Justice Dennis Archer speaks on Professionalism and Integrity

" 'Ethics, integrity and credibility are the keys to successful public service whether appointed or elected and is the key to being an outstanding lawyer,' said former Justice Dennis Archer, speaking to a large group of lawyers, students and professors gathered in the Cooley Center Lobby."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Appellate advocacy in the 21st century

"... [The Appellate Bench Bar] Conference sponsors included the Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference Foundation, the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section, the Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals. The welcome session featured remarks from Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Chief Judge William B. Murphy and Foundation Co-Chair Mary Massaron Ross."

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Jackson law firm produces seven judges - so far

"Robert Best is afraid he's forgotten a judge. For years, the Jackson attorney has thought that eight judges came from the law firm his father, Felix, started in 1958 that he now carries on with the name of Best, Heyns and Schroeder. So Best sat down and made a list. And surprise. He could think of only seven."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Jonetta Woods neglect case: Judge says ultimate goal remains for Woods to regain custody of daughter

"While a jury Wednesday found that Jonetta Woods was neglectful the day her three youngest children were killed in a fire, a Kalamazoo County Circuit Court judge assured her the ruling also is a catalyst to begin reuniting Woods with her surviving daughter."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: A 'Fun'-raiser Cooley annual benefit supports area veterans

"Anyone looking to enjoy several fun activities and support a worthy cause in the process should set aside the evening of Sunday, June 2 as a time for both. That is when Cooley Law School will hold its 5th Annual Charity Benefit to support the Macomb County Veterans Treatment Court (MCVTC)."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Macomb County Legal News: Discussing compensation for indigent counsel

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) recently conducted a general meeting at PLAV Post 16 in Dearborn Heights. Welcoming guest speaker Frank Eaman of Frank D. Eaman PLLC were ... Wayne County 20th District Court Chief Judge Mark Plawecki; ... retired Judge Richard Wygonik; [among others.]"

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Detroit Legal News.

Macomb County Legal News: Wayne FOC offers bench warrant amnesty

"Wayne County Friend of the Court is offering amnesty on bench warrants for those in arrears on child support. From now through the end of May, payers who appear and pay one percent or \$250 — whichever is greater — toward their child support arrearage will receive amnesty."

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: Carras appointed judge of 42nd Circuit Court in Midland County

"Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed 75th District Court Judge Stephen Carras as the new 42nd Circuit Court Judge in Midland County. He fills a vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Jonathan Lauderbach."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Supreme Court Historical Society celebrates 25th anniversary

"The Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society hosted its Annual Membership Luncheon celebrating its 25th anniversary on Thursday, May 2, at the Detroit Athletic Club."

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Washtenaw Association for Justice Banquet set for May 29 at Barton Hills

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack will be the keynote speaker at the Washtenaw Association for Justice's bi-annual banquet and award dinner which will begin with a 5 p.m. reception on Wednesday, May 29 at Barton Hills Country Club, 730 Country Club Road, Ann Arbor. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m., with awards to follow.... Judge Douglas Shapiro will receive the Marilyn J. Kelly Judicial Excellence Award and the WAJ Community Outreach Award will be presented to Judge J. Cedric Simpson. Former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly will receive the Justice Blair Moody Jr. Award."

[Full story](#)

WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Security improvements may come to Marquette County Courthouse

"After a request was made by County Circuit Court Judge Jennifer Mazzuchi to improve security within the courthouse, a meeting was conducted for the Courthouse Security Committee as a whole to review previous security measures, and discuss new options."

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